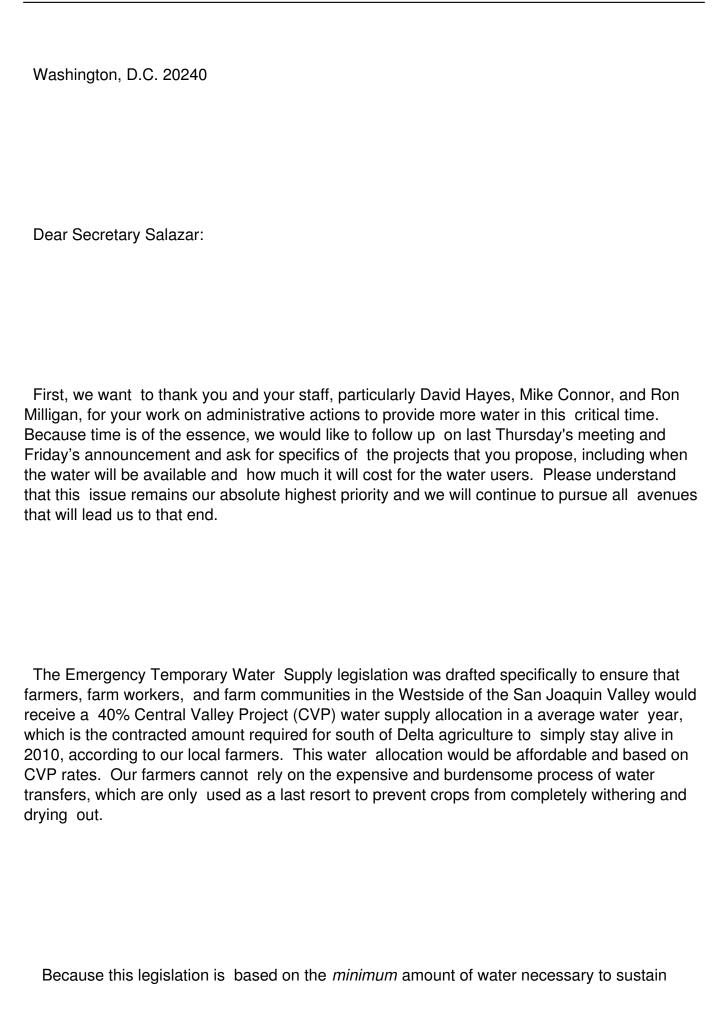
Congressman Costa and Congressman Cardoza's letter is attached and can be viewed below.
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March 2, 2010
The Honorable Ken Salazar
Secretary of the Interior
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.



Valley agricultural operations, the initial CVP Water Supply Allocation announcement may not go far enough to provide certainty that water will be provided in a timely and affordable fashion so that crops are planted in this growing season. While agriculture south of Delta could receive an allocation of 30% if the rain continues in addition to the 10% gained through interim measures, we remain hopeful that this additional allocation will not come too late to be useful. Our constituents need to know that they will have enough water to grow their crops before

making planting decisions and requesting bank loans. As you know, timing is everything. Farmers cannot wait one or two more months before they make planning decisions for this year's crop. Should the rain stop and the Department ultimately be unable to deliver a 40% allocation with all the additional measures, our farmers will be faced with limited options to make up the difference in needed supply.

We know that we have substantial work ahead of us in addressing the long-term complexities of restoring the Bay-Delta, but this does not take away from the fact that short-term fixes need to be put into place this year and next year while we work out the long term solutions. The need for timeliness and affordability in the water supply deliveries to the San Joaquin Valley cannot be overstated. If ultimately too little water comes too late, or if the water is too costly, we do reserve the right to move forward with legislation.

Thank you for your continued efforts to work with us on solving California's water problems. We look forward to meeting with you to discuss these issues further.

Sincerely,

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